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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE ANNOUNCING NEW NATIONWIDE PERMITS

On March 12, 2007, in Part II of the *Federal Register* (72 FR 11092), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) announced the reissuance of all existing Nationwide Permits (NWP), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The Corps has also issued six new NWPs, two new general conditions, and 13 new definitions. (See attached index.) The NWPs will be effective on March 19, 2007.

After the publication of this *Federal Register* notice, Corps districts will begin finalizing their regional conditions for the new and reissued NWPs. Regional conditions will provide additional protection for the aquatic environment, by ensuring that the NWPs authorize only those activities with minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. Regional conditions will help ensure protection of high value waters within the District.

The publication of this *Federal Register* notice also begins the 60-day period for states, Indian Tribes, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete their water quality certification (WQC) process for the NWPs. This *Federal Register* notice also provides a 60-day period for coastal states to complete their Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency determination processes. This 60-day period will end on May 11, 2007.

While the states, Indian Tribes, and EPA complete their WQC processes, the use of an NWP to authorize a discharge into waters of the United States is contingent upon obtaining individual water quality certification or a case-specific WQC waiver. Likewise, while states complete their CZMA consistency determination processes, the use of an NWP to authorize an activity within, or outside, a state's coastal zone that will affect land or water uses or natural resources of that state's coastal zone, is contingent upon obtaining an individual CZMA consistency determination, or a case-specific presumption of CZMA concurrence.

The March 12, 2007, *Federal Register* notice is available for viewing at the Buffalo District, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207 or on the Internet at http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/nwp/nwp_2007_final.pdf. As an alternate, World Wide Web users can access the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Government Printing Office at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

The Corps has also issued final decision documents for the new and reissued NWP's. These documents are also available on the Internet at http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/nwp/nwp_final.htm and Corps district offices. Furthermore, the NWP decision documents will be supplemented by Division Engineers to address decisions concerning regional conditioning of the NWP's.

Questions pertaining to the regional conditioning of the final nationwide permits described in this notice should be directed to Bridget Brown, who can be contacted by calling (315) 255-8090x5, or by e-mail at: bridget.brown@usace.army.mil When the final Regional Conditions are approved by the USACE Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Engineer they will be posted on the Buffalo District website, <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/regulatory/> You are advised to consult the Buffalo District website on or around May 11, 2007, to access the final Regional Conditions.



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NOTICE TO POSTMASTER: It is requested that this notice be posted continuously and conspicuously until May 12, 2007.

Index of Nationwide Permits, Conditions, Further Information, and Definitions

Nationwide Permits

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11. Temporary Recreational Structures
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14. Linear Transportation Projects
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23. Approved Categorical Exclusions
24. Indian Tribe or State Administered Section 404 Programs
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27. Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities
28. Modifications of Existing Marinas
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30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
31. Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities
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33. Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering
34. Cranberry Production Activities
35. Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
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40. Agricultural Activities
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44. Mining Activities
45. Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events
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47. Pipeline Safety Program Designated Time Sensitive Inspections and Repairs
48. Existing Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Activities
49. Coal Remining Activities
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Nationwide Permit General Conditions

1. Navigation
2. Aquatic Life Movements
3. Spawning Areas
4. Migratory Bird Breeding Areas
5. Shellfish Beds
6. Suitable Material
7. Water Supply Intakes
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Further Information **Definitions**

Best management practices (BMPs)
Compensatory mitigation
Currently serviceable
Discharge
Enhancement
Ephemeral stream
Establishment (creation)
Historic property
Independent utility
Intermittent stream
Loss of waters of the United States
Non-tidal wetland
Open water
Ordinary high water mark
Perennial stream
Practicable
Pre-construction notification
Preservation
Re-establishment
Rehabilitation
Restoration
Riffle and pool complex
Riparian areas
Shellfish seeding
Single and complete project
Stormwater management
Stormwater management facilities
Stream bed
Stream channelization
Structure
Tidal wetland
Vegetated shallows
Waterbody